

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## NSP TERMINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 861) to rescind the third round of funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and to terminate the program.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, today's legislation is the third in a series of four announced bills explicitly intended to dismantle our nation's foreclosure prevention efforts.

In this case, the initiative being terminated is the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which has to date impacted over 100,000 properties in our nation's hardest hit areas while supporting an estimated 93,000 jobs. The program works by providing critical assistance to states, local governments and non-profit organizations to demolish or rehabilitate blighted properties, as well as establish financial assistance programs for low- and middle-income homebuyers. The resulting redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes has helped stabilize communities, preserve the value of adjacent properties, and begun to restore municipalities' tax base.

Mr. Chair, with seven million people having lost their homes to this housing crisis so far, another three million foreclosures expected through 2012, and unemployment still hovering around 9 percent, now is not the time to pull the rug out from under distressed homeowners and communities struggling to get back on their feet.

## TO RECOGNIZE THE ASIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CONGRATULATE THE 2011 HONOREES

**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize the Asian American Chamber of Commerce and to congratulate this year's Gala awardees. These awards recognize local businesses that have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the community.

The Asian American Chamber of Commerce is a resource for local businesses looking to connect with one another and the community of Northern Virginia. The accomplishments of this chamber reflects the many contributions Asian Americans have made to our community and the growing prominence of Asian Americans in civic, social, and political life of our region.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize the following awardees:

Asian Business Excellence Award: Base Technologies

Lifetime Achievement Award: Master Jhoon Rhee—Pioneer of U.S. Tae Kwon Do

Non-Profit of the Year: New Tang Dynasty Television

Public Service Award: Rosemary Lauer—Devotion to Children

Member/Volunteer of the Year: Cindy Chatman—Prudential

Small Business of the Year: Allegra Print & Imaging of Fairfax

Corporate Partner of the Year: Verizon, State Farm, CitiBank

Government Agency of the Year: Fairfax County Office of Public Private Partnerships

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their accomplishments and thanking these individuals and organizations for their work in the community. The efforts and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise. I also would like to thank the Asian American Chamber of Commerce for its tireless efforts to promote the highest caliber of business and social involvement from area businesses and owners.

## HONORING MR. BRUCE A. HOLM

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time today to honor the life and achievements of Bruce A. Holm, an internationally known biomedical researcher and crucial advocate in the effort to develop high-tech research at the University of Buffalo and throughout the region of Western New York.

Bruce dedicated his sharp intellect and spirit of entrepreneurship toward the improvement of research in the field of life sciences. During his time as executive director of UB's New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, he was instrumental in the growth of the region's biotechnology industry as he skillfully attracted researchers and companies from around the world to collaborate at the Center.

Bruce was also a pioneering researcher in the biology of lung development and therapies for acute lung disease. Among his many other significant accomplishments, Bruce's collaboration with UB colleague Edmund Egan resulted in the development of a drug that has lowered the mortality rate of premature infants.

Known to his colleagues and students as an exceptional researcher and teacher, Bruce offered immeasurable contributions to the scholarly community at the University of Buffalo and the Western New York region. His passing is a tragic loss to his family, friends, and colleagues, and although his legacy will endure for years to come, today we mourn the loss of his brilliant life cut short. I ask you to stand with me in this moment as we honor the life

of Bruce Holm and offer our condolences to his colleagues, friends, and family.

## ADDITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. NITA M. LOWEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 15, 2011*

Mrs. LOWEY. Madam Speaker, we all agree that we must get our fiscal house in order, which is why Democrats sought to cut more than \$40 billion from the President's 2011 budget request in December. We must evaluate every program and determine whether it merits taxpayer funding.

I have significant reservations about some of the cuts included in H.J. Res. 48, particularly eliminating funding for the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, which was created nearly 50 years ago and is the only source of ongoing infrastructure assistance for public broadcasting stations. Its competitive grants require a local match, resulting in a successful public-private partnership, and it is the only source of emergency funding for stations with facilities devastated by disasters. Funding has already been cut by more than half since 2004, and it is a mistake to eliminate it.

Instead of continuing their quest to dismantle public broadcasting, the authors of the bill should have found savings by ending taxpayer-funded subsidies to large oil companies, which fleece taxpayers of tens of billions of dollars.

However, while I may not support every cut, it is imperative that Congress do everything it can, and reach common ground whenever possible, to avoid a government shutdown. We cannot allow for the possibility of seniors going without Social Security checks or veterans losing access to the health benefits they have earned.

The 7-month continuing resolution the House passed in February is a dangerous bill that would create not a single job, hurt federal programs essential to economic growth, and compromise our security. With no better options, we must adopt this short-term continuing resolution to keep the government operating while we negotiate spending for the remainder of the fiscal year that will continue economic growth.

## HONORING MS. JANET M. BEDROSIAN FOR 38 YEARS OF SERVICE AT THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 17, 2011*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the distinguished

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